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Date of Flood	Crest (ft)	Streamflow (cfs)	Category	Code
2/28/1902	-9999.00	16,000	Missing	***
3/29/1924	-9999.00	51,000	Missing	***
3/17/1936	-9999.00	37,400	Missing	***
10/15/1954	17.15	39,400	Major	*** (6)
8/17/1955	15.53	31,000	Major	*** NWS (6)
8/6/1956	11.48	15,800	Minor	*** (6)
2/10/1957	10.58	13,200	Minor	*** (6)
3/5/1963	11.83	16,800	Minor	*** (6)
3/7/1967	11.13	14,500	Minor	*** (6)
5/24/1968	10.84	13,600	Minor	*** (6)
7/3/1978	14.87	28,200	Moderate	*** (6)

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MARFC Codes

Code Description

- (!!!) Datum changed during this year.
- (1) Backwater Effect.
- (2) 15.77 ft also occurred on 11/25/1950 but only counted as one flood.
- (3) Estimated from currrent USGS rating table.
- (4) Estimated height from the USGS.
- (5) Gage height at a different site and/or datum
- (6) Discharge affected by Regulation or Diversion
- (7) Due to changes, prior floods were based on present flood stage. Therefore, flood data could possibly be incomplete.
- (8) Gage is a staff gage and not the offical USGS gage. Therefore, some floods may be missing from our study.
- (9) Discharge effected by snow-melt, ice jam or debris jam break up
- (A) Discharge affected to unknown degree by regulation or diversion.
- (B) Month or day of occurrence is unknown or not exact.
- (C) All or part of the record affected by urbanization, mining, agricultural changes, channelization, or other factors.
- (D) Crest height adjusted to current datum.
- (E) Estimated discharge.
- (F) Only annual maximum peak available for this year.
- (O) This flood occurred at a previous flood stage that is lower than the current flood stage. This is only a historical flood.
- ** Crest information looks reasonable despite potential problems. This data was used in our study.
- *** Crest information looks unreliable and incomplete and was not used in our flood frequency study.
- **** Gauge was discontinued in 2004. 2004 and later was not used in our study.
- none No code

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